

SENATE BILL 931
By Miller J

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-51-101
and Section 6-51-102, relative to annexation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-51-101, is amended by inserting
the following language as a new, appropriately designated item:

() "Strip annexation" means annexation by ordinance upon a municipality's own
initiative when the boundaries of the territory proposed for annexation:

(A) in length, at the point furthest from the line where the territory
proposed for annexation adjoins the existing boundaries of the municipality, is
one half (1/2) mile or more; and

(B) in width, at the most narrow point of such territory is less than one-half
(1/2) of the length described in subdivision (A) above.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-51-102, is amended by adding the
following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() No municipality shall extend its corporate limits by means of strip annexation,
as defined in Section 1 of this act. Furthermore, no municipality shall circumvent the
intent of this subsection by enactment of two (2) or more annexation ordinances,
adopted within any sixty (60) month period, which produce a cumulative effect which
would be prohibited by this subsection if the ordinances had been adopted as a single
ordinance. Any annexation ordinance in violation of the provisions of this subsection,

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including each of the ordinances which cumulatively circumvent the intent of this subsection, shall be null and void and the municipality shall be prohibited from initiating annexation procedures relative to such territory, or any portion thereof, for a period of sixty (60) months from the date that such annexation is declared by an appropriate court to be null and void.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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